

MoSAHOE 2003

To: Fall Reporter 2003

Dear Readers,

This summer's Missouri ACTE Conference held in Springfield, entitled "Experience the Magic of Change," was fantastic! The MoSAHOE Division started off the week on Monday with our Executive Board Meeting from 3:00- 6:00 pm. We have a great Board and our President-Elect, now President of our Division, Maggie Ogden, was in charge of this year's calendar events. She worked many long hard hours to give our Division a great Conference this year. As last year, Jordan Valley Ice Park was a gathering place for most of us to meet and catch up on our life's activities, and best of all enjoy all the wonderful exhibits that were displaying their new technology and books for our viewing and offering great samples for possible fun raising goodies!

Tuesday started off the Conference with the Missouri ACTE Committee Meetings and the General Opening Session at the University Plaza Convention Center. I missed the Opening General Session this year because I was asked to work at the registration table and what FUN it was for me, watching fellow educators greet and hug one another and catch up on their lives and discuss what great ideas they have for the upcoming school year!

Our next event was our annual "New Professional Box Luncheon," hosted by Marcile Lewis with approximately twenty-five new educators in attendance—this is a great time for new professionals to learn about our organization—you remember the first year: MoSAHOE, ACTE, MoACTE, HOE, NAHOT and on and on—HELP!!!! After the luncheon we opened with our General Session called: "The Road to Self-Discovery," presented by Mark Kumming. After a short break, we held our MoSAHOE Opening Business Meeting with President, Sherry Struckhoff presiding.

Wednesday started off with our annual Awards Breakfast with Phyllis Graves presiding—no one can say they didn't have a great time. The Holiday Inn North outdid itself again with a great banquet of breakfast food. The aroma filled the Atrium. After we ate the awards were presented:

Secondary Health Occupations Educator: Jacalyn Eberhart RN, BSN

Practical Nurse Educator: Patti Cox, RN, BSN

Associate Degree Nurse Educator: Sandy Whitehead, RN, MSN

Allied Health Educator: Diane Oldfather

Outstanding New Teacher: Sonja Howard, RN, MSN

The following Retiring Educators were honored by their Administrators, Programs, and MoSAHOE:

Barbara A. Mountjoy, RN

Betty Boles, RN

Maxine Schoor RN, MEd.

I, myself, will miss Barbara Mountjoy! It was her professionalism that won me over at my first conference six years ago. Personally, she has been a role model for me, and she is going to be a great loss to our organization.

Finally, the Recognition Awards:

Mark Sponaule for his representation for our division; April Stokes, LPN; and Joan Hank, LPN.

Then, we held our installation of officers for 2003-2004 MoSAHOE Division.

Next, we went on to our Cluster Meetings followed by a lunch break. That afternoon, concurrent sessions were held on: "Practical Considerations for Recruiting and Retaining Minority Students: The Educator's Guide," "Expanding Competency Based Training," "Reducing Your Stress," "Empathy Training through Kidzlink," "MSIP Alignment," "Work Keys," "Alternative Medicine," "A Future in Allied Health Education, as I see it," "Allied Health Professionals Working Together," "Anthrax," "Assessment of Multiple Intelligences," "Education for the Next Epidemic—Diabetes," "Alpha Dog in the Classroom," "Mushrooms, White Rabbits, & Flashing Neon Lights," "Small Pox," "Games Teachers Play," "Colorectal Cancer," and "New Technology in the Classroom." What a great day full of educational topics—no one could say they didn't have an opportunity to have fun and learn at the same time!! We had great breaks sponsored by MoSAHOE, ATI, and ELSEVIER Science.

On Thursday, we started at 8:00 am with a topic, "Dealing with Difficult People." Then we broke out into concurrent sessions: "The Truth about STD's," "How to Give an Effective Presentation," and "Reflective Critical Thinking." Our break was sponsored by ATI testing, and then we held our Closing Business Meeting. During our different sessions we had drawings for fantastic door prizes. Twenty-six businesses donated prizes from the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club to the Ozark Empire Fair and Branson. If anyone went away without having any fun or didn't learn something, it was because they didn't have their eyes open and their ears were closed!

In closing, there was something for everyone there, with healthcare ever so changing and new challenges being faced, we were given the opportunity to learn, laugh, and sometimes cry...we learned how to cope and overcome pitfalls and be positive. I myself had a great time and can't wait till next summer.

Have a great 2003-2004 school year!!

Respectfully written:
Joanna Perkins, RN, BSN
MoSAHOE Secretary